



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Miami Springs Education Advisory Board** met at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present:

Chair Dr. Mara Zapata
Alyssa Cundari Roelans
Dr. Ilia Molina

Absent:

Constantino Hernandez
Dan Bradley

Also Present:

Board Secretary Juan D. Garcia

2) Approval of Minutes: April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Board member Molina moved to approve the minutes as written and Board member Cundari Roelans seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

3) Education Compact:

1. School Reports

- a. Update on school testing, programs, enrollment status, student(s) recognitions, and school data etc.**
- b. Updates on current Teacher quality & retention**
- c. Business partnerships; private sector support of schools**
- d. Pursuit/status of collaborative grants to support academic needs**
- e. External experiential activities for students**

2. Parental Involvement

- a. PTA reports**

Principal Ed Smith from Miami Springs Senior High School reported for the public schools in Miami Springs.

Springview Elementary:

- First administration of the iReady diagnostic has been completed.
- The Title III after-school tutoring program will begin in January 2017, to better prepare students for the FSA testing.
- Springview Elementary's PTA conducted a bake sale to fund raise for the victims of Hurricane Mathew in Haiti.
- Springview Elementary's annual Haunted House and Halloween Dance took place on October 26 and both were a success.
- All teachers participated in the Strategies that Promote Literacy Success on November 8 during the mandatory professional development day.
- Springview Elementary will begin it's GOB renovations in December.

Miami Springs Elementary:

- Enrollment is at 402 students, down 24 students from last year.
- 4th & 5th graders are currently participating in the VEX IQ Program and Math Club.
- ELL tutoring has started and includes ESL in grades 3-5.
- Involved with local business partnerships such as Pollo Tropical, Carolina Ale House and independently owned companies
- Miami Springs Elementary is an "A" rated school this year and is working in all areas to maintain the high rating.
- Miami Springs Elementary is fully staffed, with 99% of their staff listed as highly qualified.
- The PTA hosted a successful Haunted House night and are preparing a Student Holiday Dance.

Miami Springs Middle School:

- Enrollment is currently 1,125 students; there 369 students in the 6th grade, 354 in the 7th grade, and 402 students in the 8th grade.
- Miami Springs Middle School received an enrichment grant for \$4,994 that will go toward before and after school tutoring.
- Students participated in the democratic process by proposing the renaming of the street in front of the school to "Eagle Way." This story was covered in the Gazette. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held and various dignitaries attended.
- The Cambridge Academy is working throughout all grade levels, with an increase in number of students totaling 164.
- The iPrep math program is working at capacity. Accelerated courses are being offered in Physical Science, Biology, Geometry, and Algebra.
- All sports are being offered as extracurricular activities.
- iReady Diagnostic testing has been completed and iReady mid-year testing will take place November 28th and December 23rd.

Miami Springs Senior High School

- Current Enrollment is 1,628 students
- Mr. Geno Kennedy has been hired as the new Assistant Principle.
- New courses are being offered in Law Studies and in the iTech magnet program.
- Miami Springs High School has partnered with Miami-Dade College for a teaching academy. Currently there are 18 students enrolled in this program.
- The fourth annual College Road Trip will take place on Wednesday, November 16. This is offered to 50-60 juniors. The trip makes stops at the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, Florida State University, Florida A&M University, the University of South Florida, and Florida Gulf Coast.
- The Football season has come to an end. Boys and girls Soccer has begun. Basketball for both boys and girls is getting ready for the start of the season.

Board member Molina thanked Miami Springs Senior High on behalf of the Historic Society for having the Anchor Club volunteer during the tour of homes. Board member Molina added that the students were very helpful and well organized.

Chair Zapata congratulated the principles for the work that they are doing at their schools. She also thanked Principle Smith and Vice Principle Kennedy for their work with the teaching academy. Chair Zapata added that there will be two Miami Dade College students that will be covering the teaching academy classes. These students have been hired by Miami Dade Schools as teacher and are finishing their final internship before entering the field. She hopes this teaching academy will serve as a mentoring program for the high school students that are considering entering the field of teaching.

4) M-DCPS District Update

1. Report From School District

Eva Regueira, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Grants Administration at Miami-Dade County Public Schools reported on the adoption of the proposed 2017 State and Federal Legislative Programs.

Funding:

The Number of students continues to grow throughout Miami Dade County, but the budgeted funds for the upcoming three years does not cover the grow in students. Because of this, one of the 2017 legislative priority positions is to increase the state's investment in K-12 education by increasing the Base Student Allocation by five percent annually to allow school districts to enhance teachers' salaries. The increase in funding would as help avoid any budget cuts and layoffs in the field of education.

Capital Funding:

Oppose any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools. This would keep funds from going to privately owned charter schools, which buildings and structures do not belong to the public and will not be accessible to all.

Teacher Shortage:

Implement and fund strategies such as teacher fellowships and loan forgiveness programs to encourage and attract students to enter into the field of education. This would allow for the recruitment of more talented students into the field of education than the current program, the Best and Brightest.

Safety:

Establish a perimeter of safety around schools and make it illegal to fire a gun in the area. They would like to see increased penalties for firing a gun within 1,000 feet of a school. Establishing penalties for the unsupervised possession of a firearm by a minor is also being proposed.

Civic Engagement:

Amend F.S. 97.041 to allow citizens who will be 18 years old by the time of the November general elections to vote in the Florida Primary Elections. 22 states already do something similar to this. Hopes are to find a bill sponsor and have this passed in time for the next Presidential election.

Chair Zapata asked Ms. Regueira what can the Miami Springs Education Advisory Board can do to support these legislative initiatives.

Ms. Regueira informed the Board that many cities, towns, and villages' education advisory boards make a recommendation to their commission or council to pass a resolution supporting which ever pieces of the legislative plat form that they may wish to support. Ms. Regueira added that this is a big help when they go to speak on the proposed pieces of legislation, they can show how many municipalities are in favor of these proposals.

Board member Molina motioned to recommend to the City Council that the City support the proposed 2017 State and Federal Legislative Programs. Board member Cundari Roelans seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Molina asked Ms. Regueira to send Board Secretary Garcia examples of similar resolutions that have been passing by other cities and towns. This would allow the Board to create a resolution that would be best for the community of Miami Springs and get an idea of what similar communities may be doing.

5) E.A.B. Supported Student Initiatives

- **Internship Initiative (for High School Students)**
- **Intergenerational Program**
- **Youth Advisory Council**
 - **Follow-up, school site student meeting update, needed support, school feedback & suggestions**

Chair Zapata stated that there are no updates on any new EAB supported student initiatives.

Board Secretary Garcia notified the Board that the request that was made at the previous meeting to have information about student internship opportunities, as well as a mentoring program announced through the City's newsletter had been completed and included in the newsletter that was distributed the residents.

6) Unfinished Business
1. Review Schedule for EAB meeting for this academic year

Discussion ensued regarding when the next EAB meeting will be held. The next Education Advisory Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017.

7) Suggestions for next Agenda

Chair Zapata requested that for an update on the Legislative programs by Ms. Eva Regueira be included on the next EAB agenda.

8) Adjourn

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Juan D. Garcia
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this ___ day of _____, 2016.

Dr. Mara Zapata, Chair

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